

B-3437 - B-3438  
18-14 W. West St. (North side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1855-1860

These three houses are the only remaining early structures on the north side of this block of West St. 16-18 W. West St. are two story plus attic, two bay wide brick "half houses," one room deep with only the front portion of the gable roof built. 14 W. West St. is a two story plus attic house that seems to have been built contemporaneously with the adjoining "half houses," but which is a full, two room deep house. The remainder of the block to the east is occupied by a twentieth century warehouse building.

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B-3437  
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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

16-18 W. West St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_SITE

\_\_OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

\_\_PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_NO

#### PRESENT USE

\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_PARK

\_\_EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_MILITARY

\_\_OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

B-3437

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of two story plus attic "half houses" with gable roof was built in the late 1850's at the same time as the adjoining two-room deep house, 14 W. West St. Both houses have been covered with stucco.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, 12' wide, and occupy lots 34' deep. Each house is one room deep with a one story high rear addition--two bays deep at 16 West and three bays deep at 18 West. The houses are constructed in running bond but the facades have been stuccoed. The steeply pitched half-gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice. There is a double rectangular chimney located along the partition wall between the two houses. Each house also has a rear end chimney, located at the north end of the addition.

The first and second floor door and window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums. The attic story windows have no lintels. All of the sills are brick header sills. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The doors are slightly recessed. There is a modern flush door set beneath a single light transom at 16 West and a flush door set beneath a three-light transom at 18 West. The houses sit on low basements, the entrances being reached by two stone steps each. Each house has a low, rectangular coal opening located beneath the first floor window.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1855-1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Ludwig

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This pair of houses is particularly important for being one of the few surviving examples in the Federal Hill area of the type of house known as a "half house." The other similar row of such houses is at 10-16 W. Cross St. These houses were designed as rental units for the lowest economic segment of the local working class population. The house is built in the style of the common two story plus attic type of house, but only the front half of the house is built, with one small room on each floor, and the tightly winding stairs located in the north-east or north-west corner of each room. The kitchen was located in a rear addition.

The houses, as well as the adjoining house at 14 West St., were built by John Ludwig, who lived in, and operated a grocery at a large house on the north-east corner of Hanover and West Streets (now demolished) on land leased to Ludwig by Alexander Gould in 1855, and on land assigned to him in 1855 by Gould's original lessee.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, Liber ED 92, Folio 35; ED 85, Folio 415; Baltimore City Directory, 1858-59, 1864

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12' x 34' each**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

DATE  
4/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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S. HANOVER

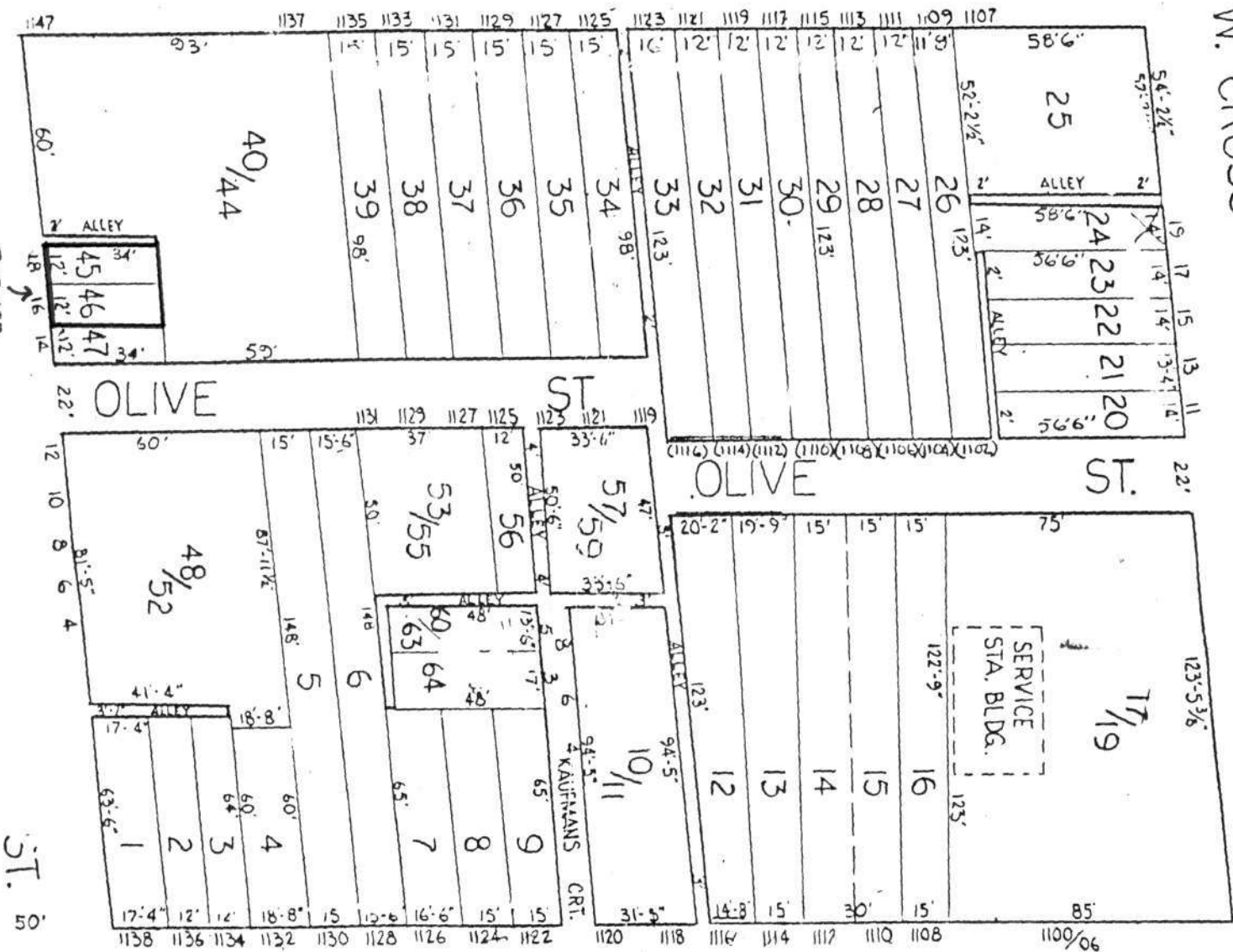
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W. CROSS

933

ST. 50'

B-3437



S. CHARLES

ST. 66'

964

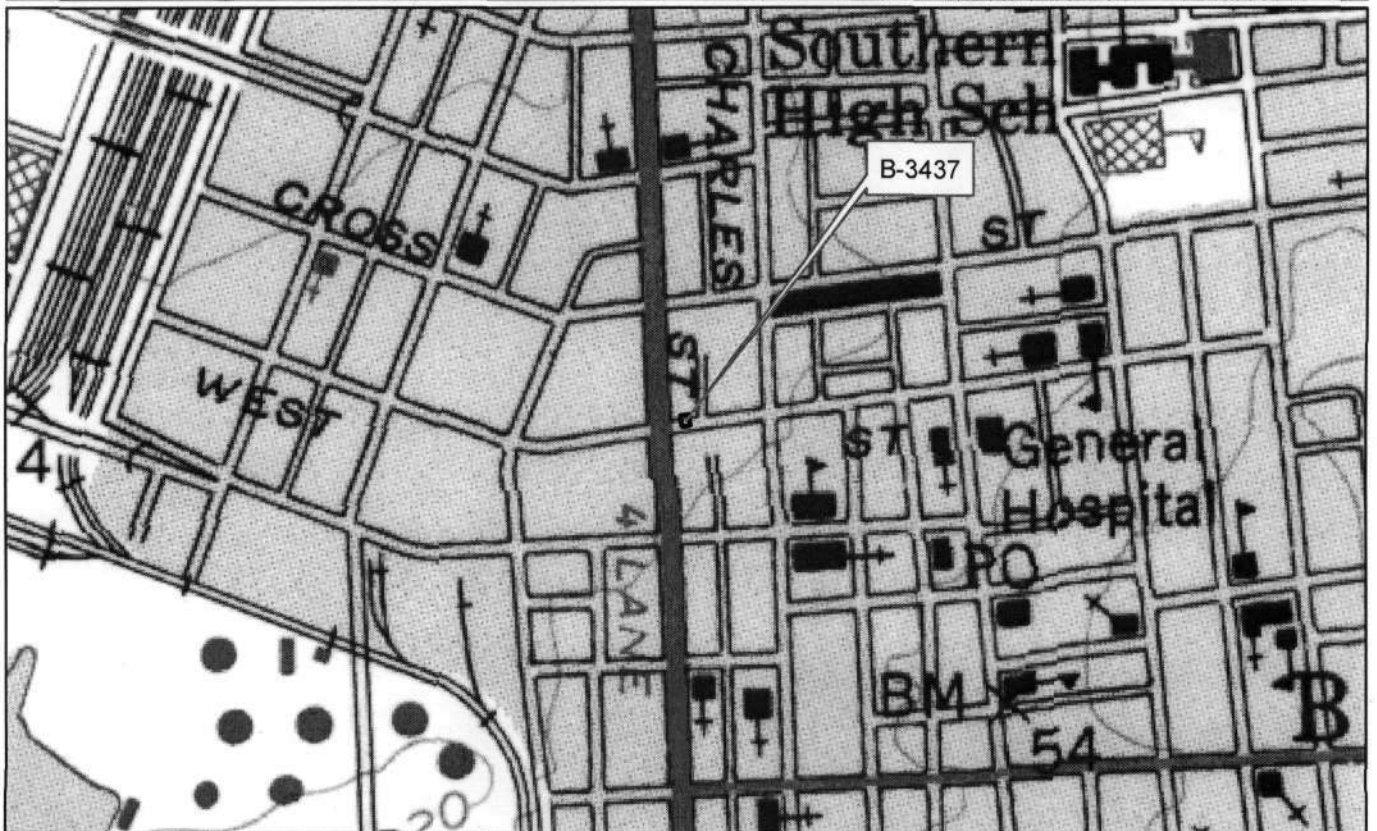
W. WEST

B-3437

ST. 50'



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16-18 W. West Street  
Block 0949 Lots 046-045  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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West and south elevations